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Greek Revival House
Harmony
Private

Circa 1850's

West of Harmony in an open stretch of farmland stands a unique Greek Revival dwelling designed with the temple form. It is the only such surviving Greek Revival building remaining on the Eastern Shore. There is a similar dwelling in Delaware, north of Seaford. Although the building has been clad with aluminum and the interior sheathed with sheet paneling, the building is still a unique structure resembling the type dwelling erected in Ohio and Michigan by prosperous mid-19th Century landowners and town dwellers.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Greek Revival House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Gilpin Point Road, .8 of a mile north of Harmony

CITY, TOWN

Harmony

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Caroline

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

___YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___MUSEUM

___COMMERCIAL

___PARK

___EDUCATIONAL

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ENTERTAINMENT

___RELIGIOUS

___GOVERNMENT

___SCIENTIFIC

___INDUSTRIAL

___TRANSPORTATION

___MILITARY

___OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Webster A. Todd, Jr.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 2, Box 166

CITY, TOWN

Preston

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21655

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Caroline County Courthouse

Liber #: 167

Folio #: 592

STREET & NUMBER

Market Street

CITY, TOWN

Denton

STATE

Maryland 21629

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

___ EXCELLENT
X GOOD
 ___ FAIR

___ DETERIORATED
 ___ RUINS
 ___ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

___ UNALTERED
X ALTERED

CHECK ONE

X ORIGINAL SITE
 ___ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Greek Revival House is located on Gilpins Point Road, approximately eighth-tenths of a mile north of Harmony. Built in the mid nineteenth century, it is the only domestic structure in Caroline County that in its original state adheres closely to the then popular Greek Revival style.

The main section of the house is frame, two storys, three bays long and two rooms deep. It has a side entrance plan and the doorway has sidelights and a molded entablature. The other first story bays have 6/6 sash windows and the second story bays have 3/3 windows. The main facade (west) is dominated by a temple type portico of a triangular pediment with central fanlight supported by four square pillars with molded capitals. Two wide brick chimneys are located interior of the north wall. On the south is a one story wing three bays wide and two rooms deep. The west facade has a central doorway flanked by 6/6 sash windows. The porch over this section once had a leanto roof but has recently been changed to the pitch of the 'A' roof. The entire house is covered with aluminum siding.

The interior of the main section has an entrance hall along the parlor, and behind it is a stair hall along the first floor bedroom. The staircase has period trim including an octagonal newel post. The addition has a living room with a corner fireplace, a kitchen, and a porch. The first floor has high ceilings and the ceiling is low on the second floor. Much of the interior has been redone in modern sheet paneling, but some of the early trim remains.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Greek Revival House is significant as the only surviving Caroline County example of the Greek Revival influence on domestic architecture. This example displays the temple form with its plainly designed full length pediment portico. It is a style of house that was popular throughout the United States during the mid-nineteenth century. It is also the only dwelling on the Eastern Shore to retain its period portico.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

April, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

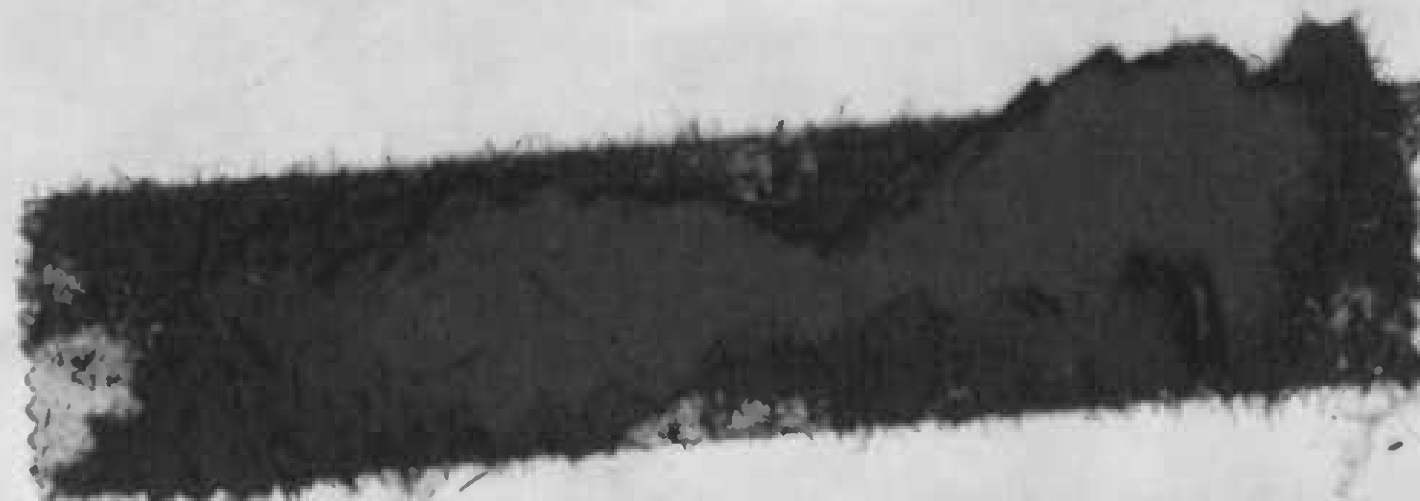
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